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SUBJ: ICEM MEETING WITH VOLAGS ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

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1. SUMMARY: MEETING CONVENED BY ICEM WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLAGS AND UNHCR SEPT 26 TO PROMOTE RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES FROM US TO THIRD COUNTRIES REACHED NO SIGNIFICANT CONCLUSIONS. VOLAGS WERE MILDLY INTERESTED IN IATF OFFER TO PAY TOWARD RESETTLEMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT WARNED THIS DIFFICULT, GIVEN SHORT TIME BEFORE US CAMPS CLOSED AND TENDENCY OF REFUGEES TO OPT FOR US SPONSORS. NONE TOOK UP SUGGESTION OF ORGANIZING FLYING TEMAS TO VISIT THIRD COUNTRIES AND US RECEPTION CENTERS TO MATCH OFFERS BY FORMER WITH SKILLS AND APPLICATIONS BY REFUGEES IN LATTER. WE WILL CONTINUE PUSH FOLLOW-UP IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH ICEM,
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UNHCR AND SEVERAL VOLAGS SEPT 26 BUT RECOMMEND THAT IF

WE WANT PROGRESS WE WILL HAVE TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC PROCEDURES OURSELVES TO GENEVA ORGANIZATIONS. ALSO AT MEETING UNHCR ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT WITH ICEM UNDER WHICH UNHCR WILL PROVIDE \$800,000 FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR REFUGEES WITHOUT ADEQUATE FUNDS, SUCH AS THOSE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER US FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. VOLAGS ASKED THAT US CONSULS IN EUROPE BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO WAIT UNTIL TRANSPORTATION IS ARRANGD BEFORE ISSUING PAROLE LETTER TO ELIGIBLE REFUGEE BUT RATHER FIRST PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT REFUGEE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED SO TRANSPORTATION CAN BE ARRANGED. END SUMMARY

2. ICEM DIRECTOR THOMAS TOOK INITIATIVE IN CONVENING MEETING AND IN URGING VOLAGS TO WORK FOR THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT. HE PARTICULARLY POINTED TO CONCERN EXPRESSED IN US OVER LACK OF RESPONSE BY THIRD COUNTRIES AND WANRED THIS MIGHT JEOPARDIZE CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING FOR FUTURE REFUGEE PROGRAMS. IN REVIEWING ICEM EFFORTS, HE NOTED THAT AUSTRIA HAD OFFERED TO TAKE 200 REFUGEES BUT NONE INTERESTED IN GOING THERE AND SAID ICEM WAS NOW WORKING ON BILGIAN OFFER TO TAKE 100. THOMAS DID NOT, HOWEVER, TAKE INITIATIVE TO PROPOSE RENEWED APPEALS BY UNHCR OR ICEM TO THIRD COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS NOR TO SUGGEST TO VOLAGS SPECIFIC PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT.

3. DEPUTY UNHCR MACE SUPPORTED US POINT THAT RESETTLEMENT WOULD ALLOW US BRING IN MORE REFUGEES FROM EAST ASIA BUT DID NOT OFFER TO FOLLOW-UP EARLIER UNHCR APPEAL TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

4. INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC MIGRATION COMMISSION REP WINKLER WELCOMED NEW US OFFER PAY TOWARD RESETTLEMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SHE EMPHASIZED DIFFICULTIES, HOWEVER, IN GETTING REFUGEES IN US TO OPT FOR LATIN AMERICA, IN PERSUADING VOLAGS IN LATIN AMERICAN TO PUCH PROGRAM, AND IN RESETTLING LARGE NUMBERS. SHE PROMISED NEVERTHELESS TO URGE THIS AGAIN BOTH AT INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF CATHOLIC AFFILIATES IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK AND ALSO AT MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN BISHOPS IN ECUADOR NOV 3. COMMENT: LATTER MEETING PROOBABLY TOO LATE FOR OUR PURPOSES.

5. LUTHER AN REP REISS NOTED THAT LUTHERAN AFFILIATES HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRIED HELP IN CANADA AND AUSTRALIA AND HAD HAD SOME UCCCESS IN FORMER, WORKING WITH US AFFILIATE, BUT NONE IN LATTER WHERE GOVERNMENT WAS HANDLING PROGRAM.

6. IRC REP ACKERSON POINTED OUT DIFFICULTIES OF GETTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN GERMANY TO ACCEPT APPLICANTS. HE REQUESTED HELP FROM ICM OR UNHCR WHICH DID NOT RESPOND.

7. ARMENIAN REP SUGGESTED APPEALS TO WEALTH OPEC COUNTRIES IN NEED OF SKILLS, BUT THOMAS DID NOT TAKE UP SUGGESTION. USDEL MENTIONED IRANIAN OFFER TO RECRUIT 600 WITH MEDICAL SKILLS.

8. TOLSTOY REP FROM PARIS NOTED THAT, WHILE WE WERE TRYING TO GET FRANCE TO ACCEPT ABOUT 1,000 IN US SYSTEM WHO HAD APPLIED TO GO THERE, MANY IN FRANCE WANTED TO COME TO US TO REJOIN RELATIVES BUT WERE INELIGIBLE UNDER EXISTING CRITERIA. SHE PLEADED FOR SPECIAL INS CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE FOR THESE CASES. USDEL RESPONDED BY POINTING OUT DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFUGEES.

9. US DEL ALSO STATED THAT WE HAD INSTRUCTED REFUGEE CENTERS TO PROVIDE DOSSIERS OF APPLICANTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES TO UNHCR, AND MACE SAID HE WOULD GIVE THESE TO INTERESTED VOLAGS TO PUSH. NONE INITIALLY INDICATED INTEREST, HOWEVR. USDEL ALSO PROVIDED COMPUTER PRINTOUT OF REFUGEE SKILLS, INCLUDING MANY NEEDED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH THOMAS PROMISED DISTRIBUTE TO VOLAGS. USDEL PROMISED PROVIDE REFINED LIST IF DESIRED, BUT NO VOLAGS VOICED INTEREST.

10. UNHCR REP BRISSIMI ASKED WHETHER, ONCE THIRD COUNTRIES OFFERED TO ACCEPT REFUGEES, THE REFUGEES WERE BEING INFORMED OF LIVING CONDITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES. USDEL REPLIED THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THINGS WE HOPED VOLAGS COULD DO AS MIDDLE MEN TO MATCH REFUGEES WITH OFFERS, ONCE THESE HAD BEEN GENERATED.

11. ICEM ALSO MENTIONED PROBLEM THAT REFUGEES IN US SYSTEM HAD ALREADY ZBZIFFOUT TO SPONSORS IN US BY TIME PAPER WORK HAD BEEN COMPLETED FOR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT THEM. USDEL NOTED THAT IATF WAS NOT STUDYING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTION OF WHETHER WITH SHORT TIME BEFORE CNETERS CLOSED THIRD COUNTRY APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE HELD UNTIL ACCEPTED OR ELSE TURNED OVER TO US VOLAGS TO LOOK FOR SPONSORS.

12. IN RESPONSE VOLAG QUERIES, UNHCR REP MACNAMARA SIAD AGREEMENT REACHED WITH ICEM FOR UNHCR TO PROVIDE \$800,000 FOR MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES WITHOUT ADEQUATE FUNDS, PARTICULARLY TO ONE DEVELOPED COUNTRY FROM ANOTHER SUCH AS THOSE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER US FROM FRANCE. IF SUCH CASES ARISE, REFUGEE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO LOCAL UNHCR REP.

13. SEVERAL VOLAGS ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT CATCH 22 ARRANGEMENT WHERE REFUGEE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER US CANNOT GET PAROLE LETTER FROM CONSUL, PARTICULARLY IN PARIS, UNTIL TRANSPORTATION ARRANGED SO CONSUL CAN NOTIFY INS AND RECEPTION CENTERS,

WHEREAS TRANSPORTATION CANNOT BE ARRANGED UNTIL THERE IS PROOF REFUGEE CAN ENTER US. VOLAGS REQUESTED CONSULS BE INSTRUCTED TO ISSUE SOME DOCUMENTATION THAT REFUGEE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED SO THAT TRANSPORTATION CAN BE ARRANGED.

14. RECOMMENDATIONS: A. REQUEST IATF DIRECT RECEPTION CENTERS TO CABLE BRIEF DOSSIERS ON HEAD OF FAMILY APPLICANTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES TO USUN AND US MISSION GENEVA TO PASS UNHCR AND ICEM AND ALSO TO CABLE THEM TO US EMB IN COUNTRIES TO WHICH REFUGEE APPLYING.

B. IF US WANTS TO PUSH FLYING TEAM CONCEPT, IT SHOULD MAKE PROPOSAL TO ICEM OF SPECIFIC COUNTRIES AND DATES. FUNDING MAY BE NEEDED, HOWEVER, TO MOVE ICEM, UNHCR, OR VOLAGS REPS. THIS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS ALTERNATIVE TO PENDLETON SUGGESTION OF SENDING US TEAM TO CABON.

C. BESIDE BILATERAL APPROACHES TO THIRD COUNTRIES, US MAY ALSO WIS TO INSTRUCT USDEL TO UNHCR EXEC COMMITTEE MEETING OCT 6 TO URGE UNHCR TO RENEW EARLIER APPEAL.

D. GIVEN APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST BY INTERNATIONAL VOLAGS, PARTICULARLY IN RESETTLEMENT IN DEVELOPED THIRD COUNTRIES FOR WHICH THEY WILL NOT BE PAID, IATF MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ENCOURAGING US VOLAGS SUCH AS INTERESTED LUTHERANS TO PROMOTE THIS.

E. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS BE SENT EMBs, PARTICULARLY IN EUROPE, TO PROVIDE CONFIRMATION THAT REFUGEE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY US SO TRANSPORTATION CAN BE ARRANGED. DALE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFIC

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